

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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Project Title: Travis Air Force Base (Travis AFB), Hazardous Waste Storage Facility Permit Renewal

Project Location: Building 1365, Collins Drive, Travis Air Force Base, California

County: Solano County

Project Description:

The Travis AFB Hazardous Waste Storage Facility (Facility) is located in the northeast corner of the 5,228 acre air force base property. The Facility consists of a drum storage building, Building 1365, and a tank farm east of the building. Building 1365 is 145 feet (north-south) by 95 feet (east-west) housing two banks of drum storage bays. The tank farm contains six aboveground storage tanks. The capacity of each tank is approximately 2,500 gallons, for a total capacity of 15,000 gallons.

The Facility occupies a 2.25 acre site surrounded by a six-foot high chain link security fence with a three barbed-wire trigger. An office and personal protective equipment building (Building 1366) is also located within the security fence. Building 1365 is at least 70 feet from the security fence.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Toxic Substances Control

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: United States Air Force

Exemption Status: (check one)

- ☐ Ministerial [PRC, Sec. 21080(b)(1); CCR, Sec. 15268]
☐ Declared Emergency [PRC, Sec. 21080(b)(3); CCR, Sec. 15269(a)]
☐ Emergency Project [PRC, Sec. 21080(b)(4); CCR, Sec. 15269(b)(c)]
☐ Categorical Exemption: [State type and section number]
☐ Statutory Exemptions: [State code section number]
☒ General Rule [CCR, Sec. 15061(b)(3)]

Exemption Title: With Certainty, No Possibility of a Significant Effect

Reasons Why Project is Exempt:

The project is an existing facility and the renewal of the Hazardous Waste Facility Permit will allow the facility to continue operations for the next 10-year term of the permit. The allowed types and volumes of wastes handled and stored will not change. Also, no physical expansion of the facility is proposed. These operations will occur within existing secondary containment.

This project will not result in a significant impact because:

1. Specific procedures have been included in the Operations Plan of the permit that will assure safe storage to minimize the potential for spills and allow efficient response to control any spills. Provisions are also included to assure worker safety during the operations.
2. The integrity of the above-ground storage tank and piping system and secondary containment structures are inspected on weekly basis.
3. Regarding surface water, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board does not require any changes to the Stormwater General Permit nor does the proposed project need Waste Discharge Requirements.

4. The facility is owned and operated by the United States government, therefore, no local land use permit will be required.
5. The facility is located in the middle of a military zone of an air force base. Truck trips are insignificant to the area's traffic volume and capacity. None of the routes are known to be impacted or have problem intersections that would result in significant impacts on the continued operation at its authorized volumes.
6. Although the entire Travis AFB is on the Hazardous Waste and Substances Sites List, there is no evidence or records of releases from the Facility. Travis AFB has identified 18 areas as sources of contamination. Only one of those areas, an abandoned landfill, is in the vicinity of the Facility. The landfill has been capped and sealed and is currently under monitoring.
7. A safety zone of no less than 50 feet to the Facility's perimeter is maintained around containers holding flammable wastes. These containers are also properly grounded. Building 1365 is at least 70 feet from a security fence.
8. Waste management practices at Travis AFB are designed to comply with federal and state regulations. Those regulations require that a facility storing hazardous waste "be maintained to minimize the possibility of a fire, explosion, or other unplanned sudden or non-sudden release of hazardous waste". To meet this requirement, the Facility has been constructed with an impermeable base and a containment system that is capable of preventing environmental contamination. In addition to these features, maintenance of adequate aisle space, segregation of incompatible wastes, as well as controls and practices to prevent spills or overflows assure against the potential for any environmental concerns.
9. Since the facility is located in a heavy military zone, so there is no sensitive receptor which may be impacted.

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